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RESIDENT EDWARD J. CONNOLLY of 73 Powder Mill Road congratulates Attorney Alan Ferrigno on his successful bid for a three-year selectman post. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.



EDWARD PEPE, a newcomer, takes a three-year position on the School Committee, replacing Thomas Ferrazano. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Finance Board Approves Police Conversion Move

By Connie Davis

Suffield: At this week's meeting, the Board of Finance approved the Police Commission's proposal to move the police station to a building on High Street for conversion into the police station. Appropriation of \$225,000 was approved to purchase the old Country Auto Gas Station, which is next to the Mobil Station on the corner of High Street and Mountain Road.

The request for funds will be brought to a public hearing on May 5. Moving police headquarters to the converted building would allow much needed expansion for the police department. Presently, the fourteen member department occupies the lower level of Town Hall, as it has for 30 years. Space is at a premium. Country Auto is owned by Brian Glynn, whose import-export business was moved last fall from its bank Avenue location to East Windsor. Glynn will vacate the building until after the public hearing and the final decision on the property.

Police Commission members had also considered building new headquarters on town land behind Town Hall. However, with the high cost of building construction, purchase of the Glynn property was recommended.

In other business, John Blake and Rockwood Berry, members of a budget subcommittee, have recommended that the manual system of bookkeeping be replaced by a data processing system. The group feels that the efficiency would more than offset the cost. David Russell of the Teleprocessing Company of Springfield explained that an in-house terminal hooked up to a computer could provide business service and support. The budget system is keyed into data point machines so personnel can call the company at any time to see the budget accounts stand.

Finally, budget subcommittee members John Blake, Dennis Kreps and Gary Mandirola will present next week's total budget to the full board for approval at next week's meeting.

School Board Cuts Spring Vacation To Four Days

By Connie Davis

The Suffield Board of Education voted Tuesday to cut the scheduled April spring vacation to four days. Suffield students will attend school on Monday, April 19 in order to end the school year on June 25.

Three snow days due to the recent blizzard would have extended the closing date of school to June 28. While the last minute change may inconvenience some families as well as staff, board members said the sentiment remained that the April 19 make-up date is preferable to extending the year to June 28.

In other business, Harrison Griffin, Director of the Regional Vocational Agriculture Center at the high school, explained his request for a recruitment van to board members. Griffin plans to convert a 60-passenger bus into a "Vo-ag Career-mobile."

The idea, endorsed by the entire vo-ag staff, is to construct a portable classroom, outfitted with displays of plant science and live animals. Griffin envisions a wide variety of recruitment uses; visits to the ten-town area schools involved in the vo-ag program, as well as local groups such as 4-H clubs.

The board unanimously approved the purchase of the bus for \$150. Griffin explained that efforts of his department will keep costs minimal in outfitting the bus.

Robert Cecchini, assistant principal of SHS presented the newly-drafted intramural program/interscholastic athletic policy to the board.

A committee of coaches, board member Paul Murphy and Cecchini drew up the policy in which conduct codes and conditions are clearly specified. Board members unanimously approved the athletic policy.

In another matter, Dr. Charles Kling presented board members with a letter signed by over 70 parents and citizens who have voiced concern about certain

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SOUTHWICK ELECTION RESULTS

SELECTMAN

Alan L. Ferrigno (D) 631**
John H. Viel (R) 589

ASSESSOR

Charles M. Arnold Jr. (R) 982**
Clovis G. Goyette (D) 706**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 years)

Priscilla Deveno (D) 729**
Edward L. Pepe (R) 693**
Thomas R. Ferrazano (D) 619
Jeffrey Rogers 92

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (2 years)

Diane Zink (D) 717**
Jeffrey Rogers 330

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Paul L. Carpenter (R) 1050**
(unopposed)

DICKINSON SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Elbert G. Hollister (D) 1094**
(unopposed)

WATER COMMISSION (3 years)

Donald E. Spencer (R) 997**

WATER COMMISSION (1 year)

Warren B. Baker (D) 1042**
(unopposed)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Marguerite E. Dern (R) 671**
Carol A. Rahaim (D) 478

PLANNING BOARD (5 years)

James E. Franklin (R) 704**
William A. Brown (D) 480

PLANNING BOARD (1 year)

Theodore P. Derango Jr. (D) 872**
(unopposed)

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Gerald E. Celley (R) 751**
Norman H. Crowley (D) 457

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 years)

Heydon A. Moore 933**
(unopposed)

BOARD OF HEALTH (1 year)

Emily Susan Brzoska (I) 796**
Mary A. Sullivan (D) 380

QUESTION: Post 2 1/2 Debt Service for roofing and energy conservation measures

YES - 588**

NO - 563

TOTAL VOTES CAST - 1254

Exotic Dancing Questioned

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Selectmen could be charged with censorship if they refuse to allow exotic dancing at a local bar according to Westfield attorney Rock Palmer.

Howard Washburn and Joseph Conniff, proprietors of the 202 Lounge, have requested a permit to allow exotic dancers to perform at the College Highway establishment. According to Attorney Palmer, representing the owners, signs would be posted at the entrance to notify patrons of the type of entertainment offered at this lounge.

Palmer said a doorman would also be on duty to explain the entertainment and to check identification; at least two other responsible persons would be present to keep order, he added. He said plans have been made to keep the dancers separate from the patrons. "They would be forbidden to mingle and there would be no obscenity from the stage. We want to comply fully with the law," he said.

Basing his opinion on Massachusetts General Law, Selectman Russell Fox said he would definitely not issue the permit. Fox said he felt the town "does not want this type of entertainment." He explained that the board is presenting a by-law to town meeting that would prohibit nude and semi-nude dancing. He added that the town already had regulations to restrict such entertainment.

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Board Of Education: Cont. From Pg. 1

disciplinary policies and practices within the school system.

Parents who signed the letter requested that the board examine present policies and procedures in regard to discipline, including a study of "violent acts and suspension."

The incident prompting current concern involves a McAlister student who "was repeatedly kicked in the head, required hospitalization and surgery for an eye injury."

Those who wrote the letter noted that "state guidelines allow boards and administrators far broader latitude than is being used in our system in response to "alternative acts."

Reading the letter to the board, Kling concluded, "Maintaining a school atmosphere free of fear and conducive healthy student growth and education, is the aim of the group."

Board members directed Superintendent of Schools Sidney DuPont to assemble a committee of workable size, consisting of teachers, parents, and administrators to review the situation. When the committee is organized, time will be allotted for interested citizens to attend and present concerns.

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In December, 1981, the state legislature enacted a regulation prohibiting nude and semi-nude entertainment in establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Communities can now vote to accept this law locally. The Massachusetts statute is presented differently from the New Jersey law which was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, according to selectmen.

Palmer stated that he would consider the "board's denial of the permit on the basis of the content of the entertainment an act of censorship." He said that the Supreme Court had ruled this type of denial unconstitutional. Palmer said he would respect the authority of the board but also planned to take all precedential steps. He noted that he did not exactly know what statute the permit would be issued under.

The board has already consulted with town counsel concerning the proposed by-law and plans to discuss this request for an exotic dancer permit with their attorney. Washburn and Conniff were asked to submit in writing a detailed plan of the proposal for consideration by the entire board.

Selectman Chairman John Viel said he would "lean in the direction of denial, but it was out of line for the proponents to ask for opinions or feelings at this time before the board could thoroughly discuss the proposal."

Selectwoman Vivian Brown was absent from Wednesday's meeting.

A public hearing is not necessary for the request, but Fox said the town meeting would be such a hearing.

Lakes Restoration Committee Schedules Meeting

Southwick: An informational meeting of the Lakes Restoration Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Powder Mill School.

Charles Dauchey of Ward Engineering Company in Springfield will be guest speaker. Representatives of Environmental Consultants of East Longmeadow will also be present to supply information.

Legal Notices Accepted**From The Third**

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep
Third Hampden District

Last year, partly because of the BETTER BUDGET and its influence in the Legislature, cities and towns successfully weathered the first year of cuts under Proposition 2 1/2. However, under the formula used for distributing local aid funds to cities and towns, some received more than the amount of their cuts while others received only a small percentage.

As we enter the second budgetary cycle under Proposition 2 1/2, only 33 of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth must make further property tax cuts in order to comply with 2 1/2.

The issues emerging in this, the second year of the tax cut law mandated by the voters in 1980 include the vital question of which cities and towns will receive the higher percentage of local aid money and how should the money be distributed?

Governor King's answer is to infuse the few cities and towns - mostly the older cities - that still have to cut - with heavy doses of local aid at the expense of the majority. While no one argues that the communities that have further cuts to make should receive a significant portion of new local aid, the communities that have already achieved the property tax cuts mandated by law through various means, should not be penalized.

In the BETTER BUDGET, we level fund the Local Aid Fund from Fiscal Year 1982. This means that cities and towns will receive the same amount of money in Fiscal Year 1983 that they did in Fiscal Year 1982 from this fund. The money coming through this fund balances the money coming from the Chapter 70 formula.

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We provide support for one-half of the Fiscal Year 1983 losses under Proposition 2 1/2. This affects 33 cities and towns. We believe that the Commonwealth does have an obligation of help cities and towns to adjust to Proposition 2 1/2, since the Commonwealth can

be blamed in part for the need for Proposition 2 1/2.

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Our local aid proposal provides \$247 million in new local aid for Fiscal Year 1983 in addition to increases to various line items where we agree with the Governor's recommendations. This is \$177 million more than the new local aid package recommended by the Governor.

Budget debate is expected to begin the last week of April.

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36 Percent Turnout For Election... Newcomer Ferrigno Bumps Viel

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK...Showing no obvious party preference voters unseated an incumbent selectman and school committeeman in the annual town election Tuesday. Democrat Alan Ferrigno defeated Selectman Chairman John Viel (R) by a 42 vote margin, 631 to 589.

Republican Edward Pepe, a newcomer to local politics, defeated Democrat incumbent Thomas Ferrazano for a three year post on the School Committee. Neither Ferrigno nor Pepe can be officially seated until after the Annual Town Meeting in June.

Residents also approved by 25 votes a question allowing the town to override the Proposition 2 1/2 tax cap for a bond request. Officials plan to ask town meeting approval for a \$11 million bond issue to allow for repair work on school and town roofs and the installation of energy conservation measures in the schools.

No definite amount has yet been determined, but the Finance Committee feels that the town should not spend more than \$1 million for the work. Approval of the request would mean an estimated \$2 per thousand on the tax rate.

An estimated 36 percent of the town's 3,452 registered voters participated in the election.

Voters Have Spoken

"The voters have done their job, now it is time for me to do mine," said newly elected Selectman Ferrigno. He said he not yet ready to take a definite stand on

the bond request or other specific town goals because I am not familiar with the complete financial picture."

Present board members said they would encourage Ferrigno's participation in town business even though he cannot officially vote until after the annual town meeting. Defeated Selectman John Viel says he plans to temporarily retire from town politics. Viel said he can now devote time to his business which has suffered because of the selectman's duties and will be able to plant a garden this year.

Ferrigno, a practicing attorney in Feeding Hills, resides on Tammy Lane. He was a member of the first local Board of Health in Southwick.

Pepe, a veteran of the volunteer Fire Department, says he feels "like the new kid on the block" and thanked voters for their confidence in electing him to a three year term on the School Committee. He said he hoped his business and industrial background would blend well with those of the educators on the board.

Though he will take office too late to participate in budgetary decisions this year, he said he plans to study the budget so next year he can "work for the benefit of the kids while not over-burdening the taxpayer."

Zink Elected

Also elected to the School Committee is Diane Zink of Tannery Road. Mrs. Zink defeated write-in candidate Jeffrey Rogers for the two year position to fill a vacancy left by Phil Hall. She will be seated on the committee immediately.

Mrs. Zink, a school counselor, feels "it is important to get parents involved with the workings of the schools, especially on the elementary level" and hopes to work with parent groups to encourage involvement.

Re-elected School Board Chairman Priscilla Deveno said she is "looking forward to working with the new board members and plans to continue to conscientiously serve the needs of the system."

Republicans defeated their Democratic opponents in three of the four remaining contested seat. Marguerite Dern bested Carol Rahaim 671 to 478 for a three year post as Library Trustee. James Franklin was re-elected to the Planning Board for five years, 704 to 480, over William Brown. Gerald Celley was returned to the Housing Authority for five years, defeating Norman Crowley, 751-457.

In uncontested posts, incumbents Charles Arnold and Clovis Goyette were re-elected assessors for three years.

Other incumbents elected were Paul Carpenter, Cemetery Commission; Elbert Hollister, Dickinson School Trustee; Donald Spencer and Warren Baker, Water Commission; and Heydon Moore, Board of Health. Democrat Theodore Dernago Jr. ran unopposed for a one year seat on the Planning Board.

Vacation Activities

School vacation week at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum offers families a unique opportunity to explore the history and traditions of the Connecticut River Valley. Museum programs will emphasize special themes each day from Tuesday, April 20th through Friday, April 23rd, from 12 to 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, portrait paintings and photography will be highlighted. Fun and games will be featured on Wednesday with games, riddles, rhymes, and rebuses of bygone days awaiting visitors.

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SOUTHWICK POLLSTERS Ethalyn Jakobowski, left, and Mildred Hanley check in two townspeople who showed up despite inclement weather to cast their ballots in last week's town election. Photo by John Loftus.

Local Quilter In International Festival

Suzanne Brisson Ashe will be one of the artisans participating in the International Festival to be held inside every building of the Springfield Library and Museum Quadrangle on State and Chestnut Streets on Saturday, May 1st, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The festival will include a continuous schedule of folk dancing, music, slides, and movies of native lands and ceremonies, demonstrations by artisans, and tours of international exhibits in the library and museum collections.

Exotic food and drink will be served in a tent on the Quadrangle green while supplies last. Children will especially enjoy the readings of folk stories in the Children's Room of the library and the chance to choose from a bouquet of colorful balloons.

The event will coincide with the opening of the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. Admission is

free. Seventeen local ethnic communities are participating in this event sponsored by the World Affairs Council of the Connecticut Valley to promote better understanding of the world community and to raise money for international education in area schools.

Mrs. Brisson-Ashe will be demonstrating hand quilting for the French Canadian Community. Owner of the Piecemakers Quilt Shop in Feeding Hills, her work includes a hand-quilted wedding gown containing over 3,000 pearls which was shown at the Quilt Market in Houston, Texas, last fall.

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Literary Club Hears Wesley B. Reed



MAPLETON LITERARY CLUB PRESIDENT Dorothy Underhill poses with Wesley B. Reed, who presented a program "Music From My Attic" at the club's guest night on Wednesday, April 14th. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Western Jamboree Planned In Suffield

The Second Congregational Church of West Suffield will make May 7th and 8th special days this year in Suffield. A Western Jamboree will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Spaulding School auditorium at 8 p.m.

Jack Berriman will serve as director of this musical show, and his daughter Carol Magnuson will be a singer in the show which is designated to aid the church's capital improvement fund.

Berriman, the son of a Congregational minister, has been in theater since age six and has traveled with the Avery Players, played first violin for the Hartford Symphony, and performed many skits for minstrel productions.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. Call 668-2677 or 668-0540 to obtain them or they may be purchased at the door.

Kent Library Programs

Suffield: "Notorious," an Alfred Hitchcock cloak and dagger thriller will be the next presentation in the Kent Memorial Library Reel Eveil film series. The movie stars Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains and will be shown on Monday, April 19th, at 7 p.m.

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Two films in the library's bi-weekly series for senior citizens will be held at West Suffield Congregational Church on Wednesday, April 21st, at 10 a.m. *Almos' a Man* stars LeVar Burton of "Roots" fame as a teenager in the 30's trapped by the times, his surroundings, and an accident. "Age of Ballyho" is a documentary on the roaring 20's.

A luncheon to be served by the Suffield Recreation Department will follow. Admission is free and open to all. Free minibus transportation is available; call 668-2325.

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The library will feature a special program on fruit tree management with Everett Wilder, former senior horticulturalist with the Extension Service speaking on the many aspects of growing and maintaining bountiful fruit trees. This program will take place on Wednesday, April 28th, at 7:30. Admission is free.

Suffield Players On TV

Just who are the Trotsky Brothers on the Channel 57 auction? Why do they all look alike, and where exactly did they come from before they undertook to move some of the auction's most treasured items to the studio in Springfield?

Word has it that the Trotskys are actually some of the more bizarre members of the Suffield Players doing a little moonlighting before the April 23rd opening of "The Glass Menagerie." Viewers who look closely behind those contrived noses and moustaches may be able to make out current cast members Lyle Pearsons and Konrad Rogowski. The other two Trotskys appear to resemble George Chartier and Craig Parker.

Auction viewers who enjoy the Emily Dickinson segment may also recognize Suffield Players, Nadine Glover, Lorraine Deili, Lisa Parker, Carol Lutz, Kelly Seip, and others.

Historical Society To Meet

Suffield: The Suffield Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Street Firehouse. The program of the night will feature photographs of Old Suffield presented by Hawley Rising. Mrs. Francis Leahey will serve as hostess.

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Suffield Calendar Of Events

(Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library)

Mon., Apr. 19: Film "Notorious," 7 p.m., library, free; fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Social Services, 7:30, Town Hall; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Zoning & Planning Comm. public hearing, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, St. Joseph hall.

Tues., Apr. 20: Potluck Supper, 2nd Baptist Church Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.; Conservation Comm., 7:30, Town Hall; Board of Education, 8 p.m. McAlister School; Sacred Heart Women's Guild, 8 p.m. Parish Hall; Suffield Historical Society, East St. Firehouse, "Photographs of Old Suffield."

Wed., Apr. 21: Thrift Shop open 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Town Meeting, 8 p.m., Suffield High auditorium.

Thurs., Apr. 22: Holy Name Soc. bingo, 7:30, St. Joseph's hall.

Fri., Apr. 23: "Glass Menagerie," 8 p.m., Mapleton Hall. Call 623-4483 for tickets.

Sun., Apr. 25: Library open, 1-4:30 p.m.

Southwick Library Celebrates National Library Week

A film festival at the Southwick Public Library will be held in honor of National Library Week April 19-23.

On Thursday, April 22nd, at 2 p.m., several short films will be shown for children on school vacation in the library's Children's Room. Brownie Troop 360 will offer refreshments, and all children are invited to attend.

Films scheduled to be shown in the evening hours throughout the week include "The Witch Who Was Afraid," "Orphan Lions," "Zlateh the Goat" (from the Newberry Award book), and the documentary "The Pony Express."

Suffield Education Assn. To Hold Supper & Tag Sale

Suffield: The Spring Spaghetti Supper and Tag Sale which has become an annual fundraiser for the Suffield Education Association will be held on Friday, April 30th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Suffield High School cafeteria.

Planned, prepared, and served by teachers in the Suffield School System, the "Spag-Tag" as it is called, will benefit nursery school children and high school graduates who merit SEA scholarships.

While the supper is being served in the cafeteria, a tag sale and bake sale will be held in the high school corridors outside the cafeteria. Maureen Girard and Dotty Gogulski will coordinate the tag sale, and Barbara Tanguay and Robin Sorenson will be in charge of the food sale. Charing all arrangements for the event are Annette, Arsenault, Carol Fricke, and Jim Gregor.

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Suffield Library Offers Activities For Pupils On Vacation Week

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Have you heard about the bags of material that are great for visiting grandchildren or a sick child? Each bag is filled with age-appropriate books, puzzles, manipulative toys, puppets, etc. for kids from pre-school age through fifth grade. The bags can be checked out for two weeks and are available at the circulation desk.

Several pieces of audiovisual equipment can also be checked out. The sound filmstrip viewer is especially loved by kids and is easily handled by them. The library has over twenty filmstrips of favorite children's story books which circulate with the viewer. The filmstrips are varied and range from Pat Hutchins non-verbal "Changes, Changes" to Lewis Carroll's hilarious "Jabberwocky."

A movie projector, screen, and several National Geographic films are also available to be borrowed by the public. Many parents find their nature-loving children enjoy an afternoon of films when it's too wet or muddy to be out exploring.

The library owns several tapes of old radio shows which might intrigue the older child. Parents or grandparents could share memories of gathering around the radio to listen to such greats as The Shadow, Fibber McGee and Molly, or Orson Welles' famed "War of the Worlds." The tapes would be a great way to entertain kids on a long car ride when parents and kids are at odds about which radio station to listen to. We also lend out a tape recorder.

A deposit must be made to check out any audiovisual materials which is returned when the equipment is brought back to the library.

Kids might also enjoy some leisure reading, and the library is constantly adding new titles to the juvenile collection. Come in and check them out!

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Southwick V.F.W. Sets Joint Installation

The Ransford W. Kellogg Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 872 and Auxiliary will hold their annual installation of officers on Saturday, April 24th, at the post home on Point Grove Road beginning at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Guest speaker for the evening will be James Dowd of Westfield, chairman of the Westfield City Council. Installing officer will be William Burns, past District 7 commander and a member of Post 6645 of Russell.

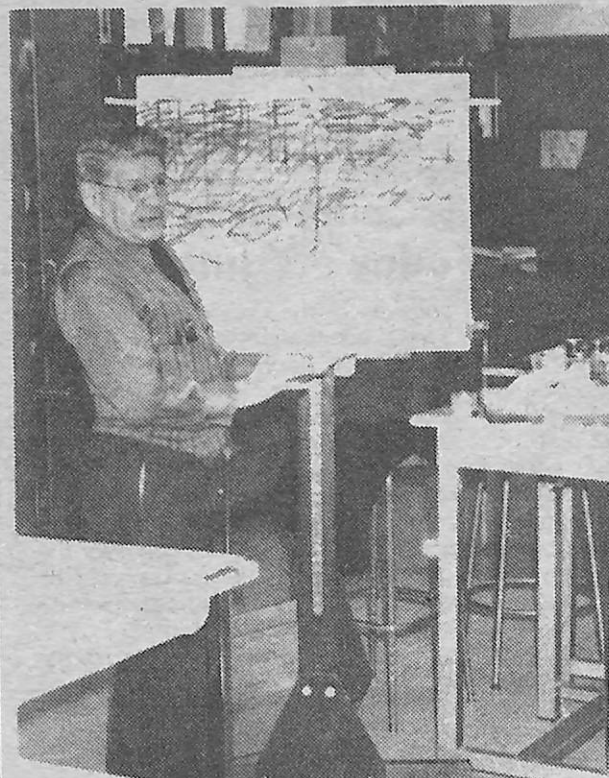
The invocation and benediction will be given by Reverend Carl Siktbert of Christ Church United Methodist of Southwick.

Being installed for the post will be Robert Shiveley, commander; John Sheehan, senior vice commander; John Andrews, junior vice commander; Cliff Jessup, chaplain; Al Cote, quartermaster; Albert Williams, surgeon; Thomas Rood, judge advocate; Ernest Williams, 3-year trustee; and Fred Axton, 2-year trustee.

To be installed for the Auxiliary will be Alice Williams, president; Donna Sheehan, senior vice president; Joanne Kozak, junior vice president; Kathryn Rood, chaplain; Alice Cote, treasurer; Wilma Williams, secretary; Claire Shiveley as 3-year trustee; Mabel Connolly, 2-year trustee; Dot Donley, 1-year trustee; Elaine Andrews, conductress; and Susan Shibles, guard.

During the installation, a Citizenship Award will be presented to James Phelps of Southwick for his thirty-plus years of service to the town. This presentation will mark the sixth time this award has been given in the 31-year history of Post 872.

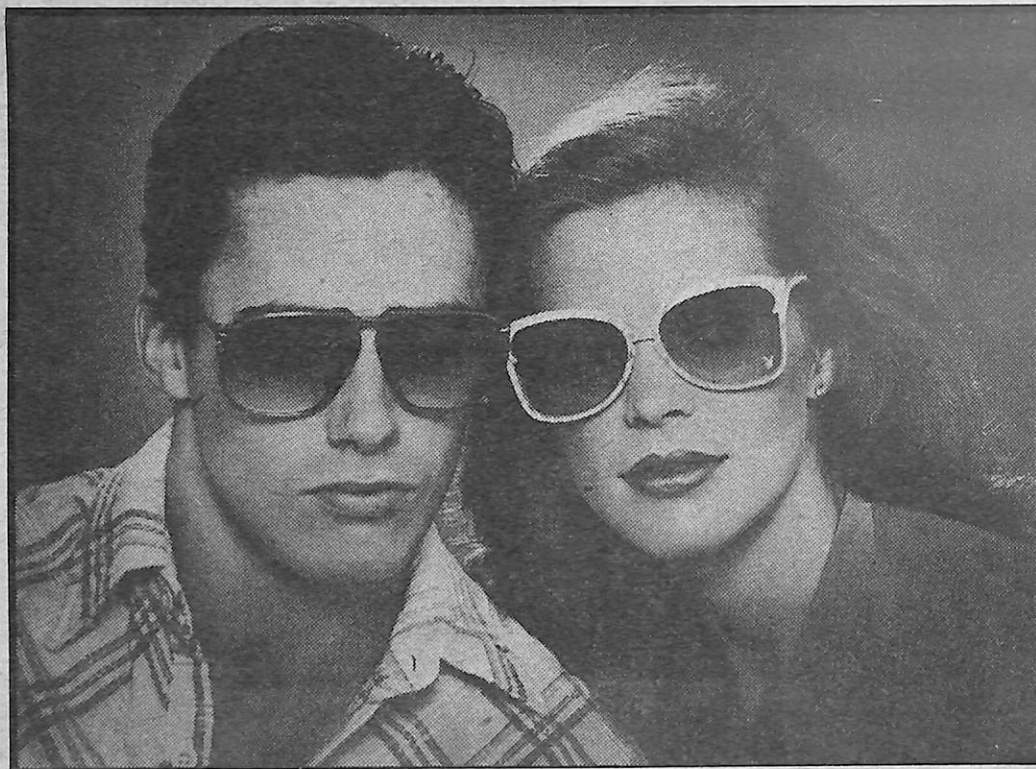
Southwick Art League Holds Pastel Demo



THE ART LEAGUE OF SOUTHWICK held a pastel demonstration last week in the art room at Southwick High School. Here, Art Instructor John Phelps, a Springfield resident, explains the pastel painting behind him. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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Community Scrapbook

By Karen Carlson



Chet McComb Believes In Today's Youth

Chet McComb believes in the goodness of today's youth, claiming, "If you keep them busy, they won't get into trouble." McComb also applies this principle to himself as an emeritus deacon of Suffield's First Church of Christ and president of Little League.

McComb has never had children involved in Little League, yet he has served as league president for twenty years. According to Blaine Woodcock, treasurer of Little League, McComb can take much of the credit for the growth and expansion of the organization over the last twenty-five years. In 1952, the league opened its first season with two teams and now it fields twenty-two teams involving boys ages 8 to 16 years.

McComb was a prime instigator and impetus for the construction of Christian Field, the league complex on Hale Street. Four playing fields complete with dugouts, backstops, bleachers, and a concession stand have been constructed on the property donated by Daniel Christian.

In 1979, the complex was totally destroyed by the tornado which struck that fall. McComb, his fellow officers, and many helping hands were able to rebuild the facility with the generous financial support of the Suffield community.

McComb modestly attributes the success of Little League to this type of community effort. "Little League would not have been as successful as it is if it weren't for the great people who have worked through the years and the citizens of the town and their support."

McComb's presidential responsibilities do not restrain him from managing a farm team each year. It is the direct contact with youth that gives him the most satisfaction. Recently, he has been managing the Knights of Columbus team. Several of his teams have finished with first or second place standings, and his most successful season was in 1957 when he coached an 'A' team to the championship. But winning is not McComb's top priority as a manager; he feels it is more important to give each boy equal playing time.

In 1980, the First Church of Christ Congregational's board of deacons conferred upon McComb the title *emeritus deacon*. Although he represents his church at the Hartford Association and sits on the church's nominating committee, it is with the youth that he spends much of his time. For fifteen years, he has taught Sunday school and served as youth advisor.

According to Rev. Tom Walker, McComb was responsible for revitalizing the youth group which had been "floundering." McComb involves the junior and senior high schools students in church work, community service projects, and fundraisers. They assist him with his church maintenance chores as well.



CHET MCCOMB (left) discusses youth activities with Rev. Thomas Walter of First Congregational Church in Suffield. The porch where they stand was constructed by McComb and attests to his interest in little league activities. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

McComb's efforts have not gone unnoticed by Suffield residents. He received the Rotary Club's Service Award in 1974, the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award in 1976, and the Sportsman of the Year Award from the Enfield Interchurch Bowling League.

McComb's early recollections of First Church are as a child sitting in his family-owned pew. He returned to Suffield following service with the Marine Corps during World War II and met another First Church parishioner, Barbara Kellogg, whom he later married.

Mrs. McComb actively supports her husband's interests through her work as his private secretary. She is also assistant treasurer of the Little League Ladies Auxiliary and has worked with the Youth Choir at church.

The McCombs have a daughter, Mrs. Dayl Graves, who delighted her parents two years ago with a grandson. Alex David is already outfitted with a baseball uniform and his grandfather proudly boasts, "You should see him throw!" He adds, "I'll be there when he's ready for his first game."

Rev. Walker describes McComb as someone everyone knows. "He has a special feeling for youth and is himself young at heart," Rev. Walker explains.

It is evident that Chet McComb is a man of endless energy. A 34-year employee of Suburban Propane, he is presently considering retirement; however, it seems very unlikely that this tireless community servant will ever be comfortable in the role of an leisurely idle retiree.



Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

Spacious and eye-catching are the words to describe the interior decor of restaurant at the Lord Cromwell Inn. The abundant use of trees and green plants, brick and light yellow walls with brick pillars that reach up to the exceptionally high ceilings, polished brass and glass lighting fixtures, and light oak furnishings are boldly set off with a bright green four-tone carpet. A lovely raspberry color is used for accent in placemats, napkins, and chair cushions which give you the feeling of being at a garden party.

High-back natural wicker settees for two with the raspberry color seats are unique and are used as dividers. An attractive gazebo area with natural color lattice looks out over the lower entrance way to the restaurant.

Small, But Varied Menu

The luncheon menu is small, but varied, so you are sure to find something to your liking. Luncheons range in price from \$4.50 to \$6.95 and will include only your entree with potato or vegetable, rolls and butter. Selection from the sandwich menu will run from \$3.25 to \$5.95 with choice of cole slaw, french fries, or potato skins. If you have a hearty appetite, you might want to order a la carte soup, salad, vegetable, french fries, onion rings or potato skins for an added \$1.50 each.

A limited number of standard desserts are priced from \$1.50 to \$2.25 with beverages costing 60¢. It was quite a surprise not to find a wine list, but instead a tea list, at our table - marvelous for tea lovers. You have herbal, blended specialties, or traditional teas from which to choose.

Our cocktails were well made; however, it took some time for them to arrive as the bartender was called away to check in a liquor delivery.

I selected cream of broccoli soup which was excellent, a very good pork loin which came with too much gravy, a small dish of applesauce and baked potato. My husband was served a good-sized portion of fried scallops that had been prepared well and french fries.

The waiter we had was inexperienced and didn't tell us, or any of his customers, the specials of the day (having entered through the motor inn, we had missed the posted list). He was also unaware that rolls and butter came with the meal.

The restaurant is very accessible for the handicapped, both from the outside and inside which has a special electric wheelchair lift to reach the upper level of the restaurant without a hassle.

All in all, the Lord Cromwell Inn has a splendid atmosphere in which to dine, service which could be better, food that is good, but not exceptional, and prices which tend to be a little high for what you receive.

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Southwick Lions Plan Tag Sale

The Southwick Lions Club will hold its first annual tag sale on Sunday, April 25th, in the parking lot of Jones' Supermarket on College Highway.

This fundraiser will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In case of rain, the event will be postponed until May 2nd.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

Southwick Sr. Citizens' Menu

Mon., Apr. 19: Holiday

Tues., Apr. 20: Roast turkey breast, gravy, stuffing, peas & carrots, cranberry sauce, gingerbread w/whipped cream

Wed., Apr. 21: Creamed chipped beef, baked potato, corn, pineapple chunks

Thurs., Apr. 22: Barbecued chicken, oven-browned potato, summer squash, cucumber salad, fresh pear

Fri., Apr. 23: Baked fish, creole sauce, herb-buttered rice, green beans, peach vanilla pudding

Southwick Seniors' Activities

On Tuesday, April 20th, the monthly birthday party will be held at the Senior Center. Seniors are asked to watch for the date of the open house in May.

NUTRITION HINTS: You need milk to help prevent osteoporosis, a bone-softening disease. Try to get two cups a day in the form of yogurt, cream soup, macaroni and cheese, cereal with milk, or others. Skim milk has half the calories of whole milk.

If you need fewer calories, eat smaller portions, trim excess fat, use fruits for dessert, limit fats, oils, and alcohol.

Suffield Seniors' Activities

There will be a blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, April 20th, from 4-6 p.m. at the Emergency Aid Association building.

A soup kitchen will be held on Wednesday, April 21st, at Maple Court Hall. To make reservations, call the Suffield Recreation Dept. at 668-0238.

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Ruth Connor Sets Bid For State Rep Seat

Southwick: Ruth Connor, candidate for Massachusetts House of Representatives from the Third Hampden District, has announced her entry into the political forum with the following prepared statement.

"In the Third Hampden District, we are losing a very valuable and exceptional representative in the person of Edward W. Connelly. He had put in long hours, many of which thankless, protecting and fighting for what is needed here and not in Boston.

"I wanted to run for this seat a few years ago. It takes time to get someone from this end of the state into a position of bargaining power in either the House or the Senate. We had this in Ed Connelly. That is why I did not run against him.

"I heard and saw a lot of things going on down there and felt that I was and am the best qualified to handle and understand our unique needs in this part of the state. At the time I announced my candidacy for the State Senate in July and again in January, Mr. Connelly was going to run again as far as anyone knew, and Senator Sisitsky was not, so at that time and up until Thursday, March 25, that is how I felt that I could serve the area.

"You the voters need someone who knows your needs. You need someone who will act for you and not for themselves or outside interests. Opportunity is the best thing we have going for us. I have been given many opportunities to serve people in various capacities.

"I have served as a member of Southwick Grange, Southwick Junior Grange, member of Pioneer Valley Pomona Grange, member Massachusetts State Grange, member of Southwick Republican Town Com-



RUTH CONNOR

mittee, past president and vice president of Southwick Parent Teachers Association.

"I have attended two candidate schools held by the Mass. Republican Party this year. I majored in administrative accounting in college and was a volunteer income tax assistant which involved setting up an office out here in Southwick so that the people would not have to travel for free tax service. I made all the arrangements to give out the cheese that came in for the people who are eligible.

"I am throwing my full support behind Joe Maruca, who is a Senatorial candidate. Our areas overlap and this is the best way in which to best represent our district."

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A View From The Inside

By Ruth C. Fahrbach
CT. State Rep.
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Some General Information

Hopefully, by the time this article goes to press, the weather will have turned warmer and all traces of our April blizzard will have disappeared. Right now while workers at the State Capitol are still digging out, others throughout the state are eagerly looking ahead to summer.

I recently received a copy of pamphlet entitled "Fairs 1982" prepared by the Association of Connecticut Fairs which contains information on over 50 fairs to be held throughout Connecticut between July and October of this year.

In addition to such items as dates, hours, locations, admission fees and attractions, the pamphlet contains information about photo and baking contests and rental fees for exhibitors. You can obtain a free copy of this pamphlet by sending a stamped (37 cents) self-addressed, legal-sized envelope to: Association of Connecticut Fairs, Mrs. Janice Steinmetz, 190 South Road, Box 363, Somers, CT 06071.

For fishing and boating enthusiasts, the Department of Environmental Protection recently published in its bulletin a guide to public access and boat launching facilities available in Connecticut including the types of fishing available at various lakes and rivers.

Connecticut has over 500 sizeable lakes and ponds both publicly and privately owned; three major river systems, 300 miles of streams open to public use and about 250 miles of coastline on Long Island Sound.

If you are interested in fishing or boating in Connecticut and would like a copy of the guide, please send your name and address to me, Ruth C. Fahrbach, State Representative, Room 111, State Capitol, Hartford, CT 06115. I will be happy to send you one.

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Suffield Players Set Production

The spring production of "The Glass Menagerie" by the Suffield Players will be something special. Tennessee Williams' classic of the American theatre is a "memory play," suitable to being presented with considerable freedom from convention. The delicate and tenuous material will be conveyed in the production with some very innovative and imaginative uses of light and music.

The play, which has been in rehearsal since late January, will feature 1981 CTA award winner (for best actress) Betty Williams as Amanda Wingfield. Her son Tom will be played by Lyle Pearsons, soon to be seen performing on the Channel 57 Great Spring Auction.

The part of Laura Wingfield will be played by newcomer Mary Jo Dankert and that of the Gentleman Caller by Konrad Rogowski, last seen in the smash Players production of "The Second Coming."

In honor of the 50th production, the Players are allowing every 50th person to arrive for the play during the course of its run in free of charge.

The play is being directed by CTA award winner Waldo Goodermote of East Longmeadow.

"The Glass Menagerie" will open on April 23 and run for three consecutive Fridays and Saturdays (April 24, 30, May 1, May 7, 8) with a special Thursday performance on May 6. Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain time is 8 p.m. Plays are held at the historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Tickets are \$5 (\$4 for students) and may be reserved by calling the Pioneer answering Service at 203-623-4483.

Restoration Exhibit Set For Springfield Library

On Sunday, April 25th, Gerald Hoepfner of the Williamstown Regional Art Conservation Laboratory will reveal some of the techniques involved in the restoration of art objects at the museum at 3 p.m.

Using examples from the museum's collection, Hoepfner will describe the physical, chemical, and biological agents of deterioration. He will also try to explain how to combat their attack on historical and artistic treasures without altering an object's aesthetic qualities.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums

Association and is located at 194 State Street, Springfield. It is open every day except Monday from noon to 5 p.m. and till 9 p.m. on Tuesdays.



BETTY WILLIAMS AS Amanda Wingfield and Mary Jo Dankert as her daughter, Laura Wingfield, look over Laura's collection of glass objects, known as the Glass Menagerie. The Tennessee Williams play is being performed by the Suffield Players starting April 23. Mrs. Williams is a CTA award winner.

Hedden To Seek Seat In 61st District

Betsy Hedden, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters in Connecticut, has announced her candidacy for state representative from the 61st General Assembly district. The district includes Suffield and parts of Windsor and East Granby.

Before becoming president of the state League of Women Voters, Ms. Hedden held the post of program vice-president, director of women's issues, and treasurer. She was appointed by former Governor Ella Grasso to serve on the International Women's Year Committee and the Governor's Council on Voluntary Action, and recently by Governor William O'Neill to serve on the Advisory Committee on the Education Block Grants.

She has just finished serving as interim executive director of the Connecticut Association for Human Services. She was also an economic and demographic

consultant for the Connecticut Master Plan for Vocation and Career Education and has been a member of the Suffield Board of Finance.

Ms. Hedden has a BA in economics from Antioch College and has two years of graduate work in economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ms. Hedden said, "My background and training gives me the knowledge of the issues and the legislative process to ably represent the people of the 61st Assembly District."



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SCHOOL NEWS



SOUTHWICK HIGH SCHOOL students display their square dancing talents last week under the supervision of well-known professional caller Norm Choquette of Springfield. Students are, left to right, Sue Adams, Mike St. Pierre, Maureen Girard, Douglas Pepe, Rebecca MacEwan, Richard Bozenhard, Liz Davis, and Lenn Cox. Photo by John Loftus.

High Steppers Culminate Square Dancing

By Marsha Ramah

Southwick: Allemande left, flutterwheel, and do-si-do may not be terms you would expect to hear in a high school gymnasium, but for Southwick students, these square dance expressions are a natural occurrence.

On "Hillbilly Day" the co-ed gym classes terminated three weeks of square dance training in which they learned the basic steps and progressed to more difficult patterns. Square dancing requires good listening skills and the ability to follow directions. Upon

completion of the program, a professional caller comes in and treats participants to two hours of lively, foot-stomping melodies and fancy dance calls.

Because winter is long and outside athletic facilities cannot be utilized until late spring, the indoor physical education program spans several weeks. Square dancing fills the void and brightens the doldrums many students endure. With classes already co-educational, there is no lack of partners, and students like not having to change into gym clothes.

Physical education instructors Sheila Bewsee, Bob Lawless, and Jim Vincent start the freshmen off with simple moves. Often, sophomores who may be in the class assist in the learning process employing their previous year's experience. Seniors and juniors are familiar with most of the calls so they may begin dancing immediately. As time goes on, these older students are introduced to more intricate patterns.

Most students participate readily in this program. Enthusiasm displayed by those who can already dance is contagious. According to Miss Bewsee, square dancing is something students must do in order to understand. She believes it is not an activity one can sit out and watch.

"I think it is important for students to learn to enjoy other things," Miss Bewsee says. "Then they can make their own decisions."

In observing the 150 students who participated in Hillbilly Day, it was obvious they were enjoying their favorable decision. Enthusiasm ran high; smiles were everywhere; and the concentration was evident.

Norm Choquette, a professional caller and dance teacher, came to the school for the third consecutive year. He kept things lively and running smoothly. In addition to calling for events such as this, he leads several area square dance groups.

Many Southwick students belong to the "Barnyard Bunch," a group of teenagers who dance under the direction of Mr. Choquette at the Eastern States Exposition. Even those who do not dance outside of school donned the most authentic costumes they could find in which to display their talents.

According to Tracy Jacobowski, a junior at Southwick High, square dancing is a lot of fun. She said, "I love it! It's good to have a variety of partners because everyone dances differently."

Choquette made sure that partners were changed frequently and individuals moved from square to square.

Square dancing in a high school gym class proves that young people are open-minded and flexible. They can enjoy various experiences, have a good time, and learn to listen all at the same time.

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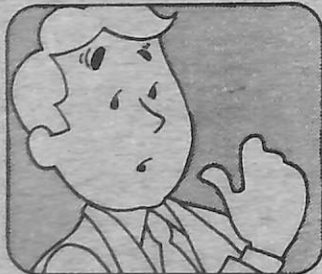
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CHILDREN FROM SUFFIELD'S Co-operative Pre-school and Kindergarten board a plane at Bradley International Airport on a recent field trip. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

Nursery School Pupils Visit Bradley Field On Field Trip

By Connie Davis

Suffield: April 14 was no ordinary school day for children of Suffield Cooperative Nursery School and Kindergarten.

Thirty four-year olds and eight kindergarten students were treated to a tour of Bradley Field, courtesy of Jeffrey Knowlton, parent of one of the children and an agent for TWA at the airport. Another parent, Gould McIntyre, a Pan Am pilot for 26 years, had arranged the trip for last week. Snow days made rescheduling necessary.

Arriving at the airport in several cars, children watched planes take off and then boarded a United Airlines 727 jet. A spokesperson brought the children a few at a time into the cockpit and answered their questions. Children explored the plane from the seats to the galley where stewardesses prepare food. Buckling themselves in, they imagined how passengers might feel who would fly to Chicago on that jet later in the day.

The children even walked through a jet-way, the large white "tubes" that are driven to airplanes, and allow passengers to embark or disembark, without a long walk in rain to the terminal. Mr. Knowlton pointed out that jetways are especially convenient for those who are in wheelchairs.

The airport was a busy place, with many people coming and going from different flights. Children also saw how many different jobs there are in an airport. They watched machines check pocketbooks and carry on luggage. They watched machines check carry-on luggage and pocketbooks. They talked with a representative from an airline who would sell them a ticket and weigh their luggage, if they were going on a trip. Mr. Knowlton supplied wings and a small model of an airplane for each child to bring home.

Suffield Cooperative Nursery School, established in 1970, occupies the educational wing of the First Church of Christ Congregational on High Street. Teacher Barbara Dowd explained that in the fall she sets up units of study for the year. A very active group of parents compose a board. Many volunteer for various positions, such as librarian, in addition to 'mother-helping' one day a month. Chairmen coordinate field trips and snacks with the entire unit being studied. Barbara said that one mother has obtained books from Kent Memorial Library to coordinate with units. Another mother from Enfield picks up records and tapes from a library there. The enthusiastic help of parents is the real strength of the school, Mrs Dowd emphasized.

There is no doubt that the transportation unit which the children have been studying had a successful conclusion. Children and chaperones alike were enthusiastic about visiting the airport. With the storm of last week, more than one person watched with envy as passengers waited for a flight to Florida.

The Cooperative Nursery School has Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions for three-year old children. Monday, Wednesday and Friday Sessions are for four old year olds. A private kindergarten for five year olds meets five days a week and is filled for next year. Openings are available for both the 2 and 3 day programs. Scholarship help is now available for at least one child. Funds from the Spag-tag dinner will benefit this fund.

Parents interested in the Cooperative Nursery School may call Mary Ann Davis at 668-2085.

McAlister Middle School Advisory Group Formed

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Representatives of the Suffield High School Advisory Council met with a group of parents at McAlister Middle School on Thursday morning.

As a result, the McAlister Middle School Advisory Council was formed, with a nucleus of ten parents interested in working with Principal Anthony Kula on areas of concern for this school age group.

Dr. David Johnson, SHS Principal described several topics the SHS Advisory Group has taken into consideration. The School Closing Study Committee asked the group to respond to the possibility of moving the 8th grade to the high school. The committee did its homework and advised the Board of Education of implications it felt such a move would entail.

The SHS Advisory Council is investigating two additions to high school programming—wrestling and "As Schools Match Wits".

Dr. Johnson emphasized the value of input from advisory groups, as a gauge of priorities of the community.

Mrs. Edna Mann said that as a member of the group, a few years ago she created a schedule for herself and experienced firsthand the feelings of trying to juggle all required subjects. Perhaps a strength of such groups is genuine effort on the part of parents to understand the daily routine of students.

Suffield has many enthusiastic groups of parents. The Suffield Booster Club supports athletic concerns. The Vocational Agriculture Advisory Group is very active also.

Elaine Purrington, McAlister Middle School representative to PTO Council chaired Thursday's meeting and will become chairman of the newly formed group.

The first meeting of the McAlister Middle School Advisory Council will be held in the cafeteria of the school on May 6, from 9:15-10:45. On the agenda for the meeting are the scheduling process and guidelines for discipline.

Parents of students currently in fifth grade, as well as those already at McAlister Middle School are invited to attend the meeting.

Suffield High Guidance News

Seniors seeking financial assistance for college need to continue checking the scholarship opportunities posted in the guidance suite. Many have deadlines and

enforced. Those seeking nursing or an associated medical field are still able to apply for the Emergency Aid scholarship whose deadline has been extended to April 23.

Congratulations go to Kelly Murphy, who recently heard of her acceptance to Providence College. Seniors are requested to inform the Guidance Office when they receive notice of their acceptances.

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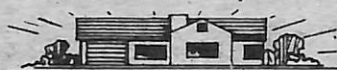
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SPORTS/RECREATION

Baseball-Softball Teams Look Good

By Chris Hout

With the snow finally off the ground and temperatures increasing each day, spring is officially here. And with it comes another season of sports at Southwick High School. Here's what to expect from the respective teams.

SOFTBALL: Coach Mike Camerota's Rams are coming off a dismal 8-11 showing a year ago, but got off on the right foot this season with an opening day 3-4 win over Belchertown last Wednesday.

Camerota, now in his seventh season with the club, is returning eight players to the roster this season, including catcher Kim Florek, who hit a grand slam, going 6-6 with 9 RBI's Wednesday.

Another big offensive threat for Southwick will be senior outfielder Karen Schulz who also homered against Belchertown.

"We can hit with any team in the league," promised Camerota. "We proved on Wednesday, the only question mark is the defense. I've got a very young team in the field and I told them that if they can hold their own with gloves we'll win a lot of ballgames."

The outfield in terms of varsity experience is young, with first year starters Schulz in left, Bev Slate in center and Karen Friss in right. Wendy Chase will also see duty in centerfield for the Rams.

The infield, like the outfield, is rather young and inexperienced. Third baseman Kim Hepburn and short stop Cindy Lapan anchor the left side, while Pam Kirsche at second base and Allison Hiers at first control the right side. Brenda Burke and Faith Wolfe will also see action in the infield.

Florek, an excellent all-around athlete, is in her debut year as catcher, but should adjust well. The pitching will be handled mainly by junior Robin Schools who was the starting hurler for Camerota last season.

Kirsche and Chase can also go to the hill if needed by Camerota.

"We'll have to see what happens with the defense," said Camerota. "We can hit with anyone in the league. The defense has to come through."

Camerota says the teams to beat in the division are Granby and Smith Academy.

BASEBALL: The baseball Rams were hard hit by graduation of their starting centerfielder, catcher, third baseman, shortstop and two pitchers last June.

But coach Jim Vincent, now in his 18th season behind the Southwick bench, remains optimistic about the 1982 season.

"The infield is solid, the outfield will hold their own and the pitching staff has really impressed me in practice. It's going to be a tough race, but we'll be right up there," he said.

The Rams are led by the return of All-Western Mass. hurler Jim Porter who opened the season on Wednesday with a 14-strikeout performance (in seven innings) in an 8-5 victory.

Porter is coming off a 5-2 slate last season and a 6-1 sophomore showing.

"Jimmy is one of the best pitchers in Western Mass.," boasted Vincent. "He has an excellent breaking pitch to, with a sneaky fastball, and I can usually rely on him to complete 90 percent of his starts."

That fact is especially important this year due to the blizzard Olaf. The 15 inches of snowfall that blasted the region last week has really tightened up the schoolboy schedule.

Instead of teams playing twice a week, they will have to play at least three just to get the allotted games in before the June 1 deadline.

Needless to say, Vincent will still need all the pitching he can muster.

Complimenting Porter on the mound will be lefty John Coward, who was 2-0 for the varsity last spring. Newcomers Brian Jackson, Stu Arnold, Kyle Moquin and Danny Cook will be counted on heavily in this cramped spring season.

The infield is solid, especially on the left side with sophomore shortstop Todd Tyrowicz and third sacker Danny Cook. On the other side is second baseman Timmy Egerton and first sacker Al Swanson.

The outfield from left to right reads like this; Paul Armitage, Mike Molta and John Rapacki.

The designated hitter and back-up first baseman is hard hitting lefty Tom McLaughlin, one of two left-handed hitters on the club.

"So far I like what I see," said Vincent. "We hit the ball extremely well on Wednesday (11 hits) and we fielded pretty well behind Porter. I'm especially pleased with the left side of the infield. I thought both Todd and Danny played good defensive games on Wednesday."



Suffield Recreation Department

The Suffield Recreation Department today announced that the following programs will be open to the public:

1. Beginning April 19 and through May 24 a course in METHODS OF SEAT WEAVING will be held. The course runs every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Suffield High School cafeteria. The fee is \$20.

2. A one night only HERBAL WREATH WORKSHOP is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20th at the Suffield High School cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Fee for the workshop is \$15.

3. Also beginning on Tuesday April 20th and running through June 3 will be a BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATE WOMEN'S TENNIS program for women 19 and over. Two sessions of the course will be held. The morning session on Tuesday and Thursday runs from 10:30 to Noon and the evening class runs from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The tennis course will be held at the Suffield High School tennis courts. The fee is \$19.

4. Beginning on Monday, May 3, on Tuesday May 4 and on Wednesday, May 5 a course in CPR will be available at the Suffield High School from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. There is no fee for the life-saving course and anyone attending must be at least 14 years of age.

For further information on these or any course the Suffield Recreation Department has scheduled, please call stop by the office of 97 Mountain Road or call 668-0237.

The volleyball finals are slated for Wednesday, April 21st, at Suffield High School. Competing for first place are the Net Wits and the Ball Busters.

Icebreaker '82 Slated

Icebreaker '82 at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, Connecticut, will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, having been postponed due to inclement weather recently.

The \$27,000 NASCAR Modified 82-lap event, the traditional opener for NASCAR's super-popular Modified competitors in the Northeast, will now be run in its entirety on that first Sunday in May.

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Experience & Youth Blend Suffield Tennis

By Rick McCarty

Suffield: Experience and youth dominate the Suffield High School tennis team this year. Four seniors, one junior, two sophomores, three freshmen, and a rookie coach lead the Wildcats into a promising year.

Returning are seniors Eric Drake, Brian McEwan, and Rob Psholka; junior David Dixon; and sophomore Carl Casinghino. Last season, Drake and Casinghino were number one and two seeds for Suffield.

Newcomers for Coach Chris Arciero, former captain of the Seton Hall tennis team, are freshmen Brian Casinghino, Tom Naughton, and Peter Mann, and sophomore Kent Daigle.

The biggest surprise for the Wildcats is senior David Simmons. Two-time Suffield Country Club men's champion, Simmons is expected to supply added support.

Suffield Powerhouse In NCCC Golf

By Rick McCarty

Coach Jim Gregor has exactly the same team returning from last season's undefeated NCCC golf squad, but he still remains cautious.

Leading the returnees are senior captain John Kulas and junior Russ Fricke. Fricke is the number one man and shoots in the low seventies as does number two Kulas.

Third and fourth slots are due to be filled by brothers Bob and Jeff Brackett. Bob, a senior, and Jeff, a junior, will form their own family feud.

Fighting for fifth spot will be sophomore Kurt Knowfel and freshman Ted Lyon. Rounding out the squad will be senior Tony Gebhart, sophomores Glenn Bunnell, Ray Daddario, Ed Golec, and freshmen Phil Kelly and Scott Morrison.



A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

Confronting Reality

When someone dies, a life on earth ends. What remains is the body of a man, woman or child who once was loved and who loved in return. When we remember that person, we often think of him in terms of his physical being - his body.

That is why it is difficult, if not impossible, for most survivors to dissociate themselves immediately from the lifeless body. Our mind requires evidence that life has ended. The presence of the body gives this evidence and provides the opportunity for recall and reminiscence. It offers testimony and tribute to the life that has been lived.

In most events and ceremonies, there is a meaningful symbol or person upon which to focus our attention. At a wedding, it is the bride and groom. For the pledge of allegiance, it is the flag. At a birthday party, it is the person whose birthday is being celebrated. And at the funeral, it is the body of the person who died.

The first step in starting the process of healthful mourning is to acknowledge that the death has occurred. Nothing confirms this reality like viewing the body. Seeing is believing. It is the first essential step toward managing one's grief.

Viewing has become more important today than ever before. More people are dying away from home. There are more deaths following long and devastating illness. There are more people whose lives end under tragic circumstances. Several helpful purposes are served by viewing the body during the wake or visitation.

REALIZATION: the moment of truth when a person confronts the fact of death by looking at the body.

RECALL: whether the death was due to an accident or after a long, devastating illness, proper preparation gives the family a more acceptable recall or memory image of the deceased than what they had witnessed prior to death.

EXPRESSION: many people find it difficult to express themselves if they don't do it right away. Thus the body present and viewed during the visitation provides an immediate and proper climate for such expression.

People tend to deny painful reality, but when they experience that moment of truth that comes when they stand before the dead body, their denials collapse. Grief is a feeling. If you deny it, you have difficulty coping with it, but if you face it, you start the process of healthful mourning.

For most, the funeral with the body present becomes an experience of value as they work through the sociological, psychological, and many times religious needs that are a part of the grief experience.



FRESHMAN TOM NAUGHTON of Suffield High School goes high for a shot during a practice session earlier this week. Naughton is one of three promising young freshmen on the squad. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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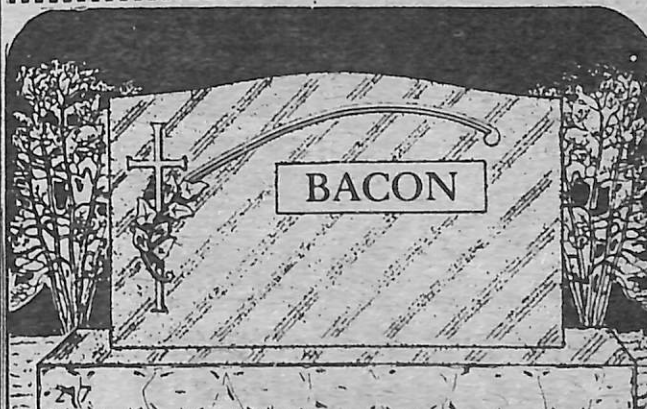
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Southwick's "Ice Man" Cometh

By Chris Hout

Ron Hebert proves better than anyone else that once you put your mind to something you can accomplish it.

Hebert, better known as the "Incredible Ice Man" to his followers, proves the theory by putting up to 1700 pounds of ice on his chest and letting a partner smash it with a sledge hammer.

Hebert, a Southwick resident, has been doing this since 1974 when he started out with a mere 900 pound block of ice.

Since that time he has performed in virtually every civic arena in the United States. His more celebrated appearances have come at New York City's Madison Square Garden before 19,000 people and at the Spectrum in Philadelphia.

Hebert has also taken his act to ABC's Wide World of Sports and on CBS from time to time. He's also been invited to appear on the "That's Incredible" show three times.

His next appearance will be on Saturday, April 17 at the Duggan Junior High School in Springfield beginning at 8:00 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Cerebral Palsy foundation.

"I couldn't think of a better cause," said Hebert from his home on Monday. "Basically, I've performed for myself over the years but my last two will be for other people."

Hebert will attempt to break his own world record of 1700 pounds at Duggan Junior High with a block of ice weighing 1800 pounds. He will then attempt a try of 2100 pounds sometime in the near future, which may be his last performance.

"I'm about two months away from trying a ton," cracked the confident "Ice Man." "Right now I'm in the best shape of my life. I feel I could bench press that much weight."

Hebert works out six times a week at the Central City Gym in Springfield in preparation for his rigorous act. He has built himself into a solid frame of 6 feet 214 pounds.

He first got the idea to perform this difficult task when he saw a Korean man on television bear a 900 pound chunk of stone on his chest.

Hebert then began to work out in hopes of trying the feat himself, but ran into difficulty when he couldn't find a stone suitable for the attempt.

"That's how I got started with ice," said Hebert. "When I was having trouble getting the stone, one of the guys at the gym suggested that I try the ice. I've been using ice ever since."

Hebert's training consists of power lifting and running through the woods near his home. His tough training has earned him six world records and many fond memories over the years.

"Of course one of my more memorable moments came at the Garden (New York) performing in front of 19,000 screaming people," he recalled. "It was simply breathtaking. It took us (Hebert and partner Rich Roy who is Mr. Massachusetts and Mr. Colonial America) over an hour to get out of there and we needed a police escort. The fans were just mobbing us."

Along his ice breaking trail, Hebert has come across the likes of Muhammed Ali, David Carridine and Lou Ferrigno (The Incredible Hulk).

Hebert also noted that it wasn't until his show with Lou Ferrigno in Hartford that his wife Claire would start coming to the performances.

"Thanks to Lou, my wife is finally coming to the shows," laughed Hebert. She was really against the idea of me doing this sort of thing and she wouldn't come. But when she found out that Lou Ferrigno was doing the show with me she had to come. Everyone wants to see the "Hulk."

Hebert said knowing his wife is in the audience gives him extra confidence before "the hammer falls."

Hebert has been involved in martial arts for the past 18 years and says that too gives him much needed confidence and additional strength.

"I'm usually pretty nervous during the week leading up to the show," he admitted. "But on the day of the show I'm totally relaxed. I'll usually sit around all day, eat a gallon of ice cream and drink lots of liquids."

"When I finally walk out onto the stage to do the job I've already convinced myself that the job is already done, before I actually do it. I have to be confident because I'm very afraid of failing. I guess I have to be," he concluded.

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Rich Roy spots for the "Ice Man," Southwick's Ron Hebert at the Central City Gym. Advertiser/News photo by John Loftus.

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